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1871

(1800-1891) HELMUTH KARL BERNHARD

Count von MOLTKE

"The Silent" Prussian field-marshall.  
Born at Parchim in Mecklenburg-SCHWERIN.  
Entered the Prussian Service (1822). Sent  
to organize the Turkish Army (1835).  
Chief of the general staff of Berlin,  
modeled the Prussian Army. The  
successful wars with Denmark (1863-  
1864), with Austria (1866) and

with France in 1870-1871 proved  
his preëminence as a strategist.  
MOLTKE was made field marshal  
in 1871 and received a large grant  
of money as a reward for his services.  
Retired in 1888, but still held  
office of Chairman of the National  
Defense Commission.